

# Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

## *Highlights of Discussion Draft\**

*\*all estimates are 10-year figures*

**Total New Child Nutrition Funding: \$4.5 billion**

### **A PATH TO END CHILDHOOD HUNGER**

**Estimated Spending: \$1.2 billion**

#### **Highlights:**

##### **Expanding Afterschool Meals for At-Risk Children Nationwide**

- For the vast majority of states, the CACFP at-risk afterschool program only provides reimbursement for a snack. This section will provide communities in all 50 states the ability to be reimbursed for a meal.

##### **Expanding Universal Meal Service through Community Eligibility**

- This new option will allow schools in high-poverty areas to offer free meals to all students without collecting paper applications, which will expand access to more children and reduce administrative burdens on schools.

##### **Guiding Principles:**

- *Expand program access to reduce childhood hunger*
- *Improve nutritional quality to promote health and address childhood obesity*
- *Simplify program management and improve program integrity*

##### **Connecting More Eligible Low-Income Children with School Meals**

- Children whose families receive SNAP benefits are directly certified for free school meals. This provision will expand the direct certification process to include Medicaid in select districts in the U.S.

##### **Performance Bonuses for Direct Certification**

- This section will establish performance benchmarks for states to improve their direct certification methods, as well as provide incentive bonuses to states to incentivize improved performance.

##### **Categorical Eligibility of Foster Children**

- This section will add foster children to the list of those that are automatically eligible for free meals, eliminating the need for foster children to demonstrate their income when applying for school meal benefits.

##### **Promoting the Availability and Locations of Summer Food Service Program Meal Sites**

- Requires school food authorities to coordinate with institutions operating the Summer Food Service Program to develop and distribute materials to families to inform them of the availability and location of summer meal sites.

##### **Piloting Innovative Methods to Feed Hungry, Low-Income Children**

- The committee mark provides mandatory funding to test pilot projects to improve the way we feed hungry children, including during out-of-school times.